

**TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA
SPECIAL TOWN COMMISSION
1ST PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
Jarvis Hall
4505 Ocean Drive
Monday, September 12, 2016
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER, MAYOR SCOT SASSER

Mayor Scot Sasser called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Also present were Vice Mayor Mark Brown, Commissioner Alfred "Buz" Oldaker, Commissioner Elliot Sokolow, Commissioner Chris Vincent, Town Manager Bud Bentley, Assistant Town Manager Tony Bryan, Town Attorney Susan L. Trevarthen, Finance Director Lisa Fuentes, Special Projects Coordinator Debbie Hime, Public Information Officer Steve d'Oliveira, and Town Clerk Tedra Allen.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

3. RESOLUTIONS – PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. **Resolution 2016-28 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE PROPOSED TOWN AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGE RATE AT 3.6873 MILS PER THOUSAND DOLLARS OF TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUE, WHICH IS 5.42% ABOVE THE ROLLED BACK RATE COMPUTED PURSUANT TO STATE LAW, FOR THE 2016 TAX YEAR; ANNOUNCING THE SECOND AND FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Lisa Fuentes, Finance Director)**

At this time Mayor Sasser opened public comment, which he closed upon receiving no input.

Vice Mayor Brown made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sokolow, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

- b. **Resolution 2016-29 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ATTACHED TENTATIVE TOWN BUDGET FOR THE 2016/2017 FISCAL YEAR; ANNOUNCING THE SECOND AND FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE FINAL TOWN BUDGET FOR THE 2016/2017 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Lisa Fuentes, Finance Director)**

At this time Mayor Sasser opened public comment, which he closed upon receiving no input.

Commissioner Oldaker noted a capital improvement line item for sidewalks on Seagrape, Hibiscus, and Bougainvillea Drives, stating that he and Town Staff have met with representatives of both Broward County and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to discuss this issue further. They would like to incorporate crosswalks into the project in this area. He expressed concern that the budgeted amount might not be sufficient to fund this entire project.

Town Manager Bud Bentley advised that the budgeted amount will not cover the expanded project; however, Staff is supportive of evaluating the entire area. Figures relating to the expansion of the project will be brought back to the Commission once expanded conceptual design is complete. This will not be concluded, however, by the time of the second public budget hearing.

Vice Mayor Brown requested further information on the proposed expanded improvements. Town Manager Bentley replied that FDOT will study the area and offer a recommendation on an appropriate crossing, which FDOT will also fund. Some expenses outside of FDOT's right-of-way will be the Town's responsibility.

Commissioner Vincent made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sokolow, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

- c. Resolution 2016-30 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE FINAL FIRE ASSESSMENT RATE ON PROPERTY THAT IS SPECIALLY BENEFITED BY FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017; CONFIRMING THE FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLLS AND LEVYING SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS (Lisa Fuentes, Finance Director)**

At this time Mayor Sasser opened public comment, which he closed upon receiving no input.


Commissioner Vincent advised that the Town look into the possibility of reducing commercial fire assessment rates during the next fiscal year, as this issue directly affects businesses within the Town.

Commissioner Sokolow made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Oldaker, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

4. ADJOURNMENT

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With no further business to come before the Commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

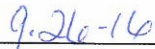


Mayor Scot Sasser

ATTEST:



Town Clerk Tedra Allen



Date